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Exhibit No. 8

Date 1/28/09

Bill No. SB 276

To: Members of the Senate State Administration Committee

From: Vickie M. Zeier, Missoula County Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer

Date: January 27, 2009

Re: Senate Bill 276

Written Testimony

I am in support of Senate Bill 276 requiring permanent absentee confirmation notices to be mailed annually.

Currently, we mail two confirmation notices in January and July of each year. I support this bill because it will be a cost savings for every county. My county will save approximately \$9000 annually in postage, printing and staff time. The cost will continue to grow with the increase in the number of permanent absentee voters we are receiving.

Also, I believe our permanent absentee voters find the multiple confirmation notices as a nuisance and extremely confusing. I cannot tell you how many times I hear "what don't you understand about permanent."

This is a good bill. I hope you will vote YES on Senate Bill 276.

Thank you for all the work you do on behalf of our great State.